Indo-France agreement on agri-foods

5415. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have decided to increase cooperation in the area of agri-foods;

(b) if so, whether any concrete programme of action has been undertaken by both the countries in regard to agriculture;

(c) whether both the countries have also agreed to work more in agro-food and agro-processing areas, as India is one of the leading producers and exporters of these products; and

(d) if so, what are the agreements reached between the two countries in regard to agri-foods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) There is a proposal to have cooperation between India and France in the field of agriculture which includes agri-food and food processing areas. No agreement has been signed in this regard as yet.

Production-rate of foodgrains

†5416. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the production-rate of foodgrains in all the States;

(b) if so, the details of production-rate of wheat, paddy, sugarcane and cotton in each State;

(c) whether Government have identified the States where possibilities to increase the production-rate exist; and

(d) if so, which are those States and to what extent the production-rate can be increased there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

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